

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

These remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2006 (Office Action). As this response is timely filed before the expiration of the 3-month shortened statutory period, no fee is believed due. However, the Office is expressly authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any over-payments to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

As an initial matter, Applicants wish to express their sincere thanks for the Examiner's acknowledgment at page 2 of the Office Action that Claims 1-7, 9-18, 20-25, 28-30, and 32-36 present allowable subject matter. Claim 18 was objected to due to an informality, which has been addressed by the amendment presented herein. Claim 37 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2002/0023131 to Wu (hereinafter Wu). Claim 37 has been amended to incorporate subject matter acknowledged in the Office Action to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that this application is now in full condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any matter within this Amendment, or if

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the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,

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